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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 11, lines 2 and 3, delete "any one of claims 1 to 10" and replace by --
claim 1--.

Claim 13, line 2, delete "or claim 12".

Claim 16, line 3, delete "any one of claims 1 to 10" and replace by --claim
1--.

Claim 17, lines 2 and 3, delete "claimed in claim 11 or claim 12" and
replace by --defined above--.